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Southeast News.

Dunklin Democrat.

There were 24,220 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Dunklin county from the crop of 1918, prior to January 16, 1919, as compared with 20,110 bales ginned to same date in January, 1918.

Ironton Register.

One Joe Jones, who lives east of the Arcadia Heights in the edge of St. Francois county is in durance vile, charged with burglarizing the residence of Mrs. Ferguson, one of the summer dwellers on the Heights. This is the same Joe Jones who achieved considerable notoriety a few years ago on the charge of appropriating a number of chickens from a neighbor's hen roost. He will probably remain in jail until circuit court.

Poplar Bluff Republican.

A C. Kirkendall, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, and whose home was in De Soto, lost his life last Monday morning by falling off his train. It is supposed. He was running on a freight and at Mineral Point, the balance of the train crew having missed him, a search was made and his mangled body was found under the train, several cars, apparently having passed over his body. This was about four o'clock in the morning. It is presumed that in the darkness he had in some way missed his footing and fell between the cars.

Doniphan Prospector-News.

A force of men were here from Friday to Tuesday making a valuation of the physical property of the Missouri Pacific railroad in this county. They were doing work for the Interstate Commerce commission which is making a valuation of all railroad properties in the country with a view of figuring out what is to be done with the railroads—whether they shall be kept in control of the government or turned back to their owners. Nine men were in the bunch here and they were under the direction of L. A. Raff. They had their private cars and lived at home, if you please. L. Crane of the Missouri Pacific organization was here with them in his private car.

Jackson Cash-Book.

Mrs. Alva Crader, 24 years old, who lives about three miles south of Burfordville, was seriously burned last Tuesday afternoon in building a fire in a King heater. Her apron was drawn into the stove and in a moment all of her clothing was on fire. She had forethought enough to grab some bedclothing and wrap it around herself and roll on the floor. She succeeded in smothering the flames, but not before her clothing was all burned off except the waistbands of her skirts. Being alone, except for her small child, she put on a coat and carried the child half a mile to a neighbor's for help. Help was summoned, but the attending physicians, Drs. VanAmburg, of Burfordville, and Ramsey, of Tilsit, can not say what the result of the burns will be. Mrs. Crader's body is reported as being blistered from her waist up, and other parts of her body are badly burned. Mrs. Crader was Miss Slaughter before her marriage.

A Big Increase in Assessments Here

The value of property in Bollinger county is nearly \$2,000,000 more than it was last year and the largest ever made in the history of the county.

This was revealed when County Assessor Johnson finished the work of recapitulation.

The total real estate and personal valuation in the county this year is \$6,429,056. Last year it was \$4,063,214. The board of equalization last year cut that assessment in half. The average value placed on farm

land this year was \$11.12. Last year it was \$10.08.

Assessor Johnson says that the increased assessment is largely due to the assessing of hitherto undiscovered wealth.

There is quite an increase on the value of town property in the county. This year the total number of town lots is 1356 with a valuation of \$280,875. The average per lot is \$214.50. Last year the total number of lots was 1364 with a total value of \$198,661 or an average of \$145.61.

Acres of farm land in the book this year is 385,988. The valuation is \$4,293,300. Last year the number of acres on the book was 383,423 and the valuation was \$3,864,531.

The number and valuation of live stock, etc., is as follows: Horses, 1,079, valued at \$279,390 or \$259.71 per head; mules, 2,395, valued at \$183,585 or \$76.65 per head; asses and jeunettes, 83, valued at \$5,710 or \$68.79 per head; cattle, 13,300, valued at \$390,320 or \$29.34 per head; sheep, 8,765, valued at \$403,925 or \$46.08 per head; hogs, 17,354, valued at \$113,335 or \$6.50 per head; all other live stock, 392, valued at \$340 or \$1.58 per head.

The average value last year: Horses, \$61.94; mules, \$73.30; asses and jeunettes, \$69.19; cattle, \$26.54; sheep, \$45.88; hogs, \$4.79; all other live stock, \$2.08.

Household property in town and county both was \$300,980; money on hand and deposits, bonds, etc., \$374,400; corporate companies, bank stock, \$92,553; estates, \$36,183.

From "Farmer"

Enron Press.

I have just noticed an article in your local contemporary over the signature of "Citizen" in which he praises our good doctor Representative Speer from Bollinger county, and in which article he says we are all proud of his work. Has it come to pass that a public servant is to be praised for doing his obvious duty?

Is there a man, woman or child in this county but who wishes that the drainage district should be compelled to build the bridges across the drainage canal which it has cut, and which by all the laws of justice and honesty it should be compelled to bridge at its own expense? Then why this fulsome praise of a public servant who is only doing his duty to the people he represents, and, moreover, no doubt it is to the good doctor's interest to have these bridges as well as anyone else.

I presume in the doctor's practice at Greenbrier he has occasion to cross the ditch at numerous times—and so he is not only serving his own interests, but is doing his manifest duty to his constituents. Then why all this brass band advertising of the good doctor for doing his duty? Probably it is the intention to run the doctor for United States senator or governor and this is the first step of his campaign managers. If so, before I can support the doctor further he must explain a few things that, as one of his constituents, I am not so "proud" of. I understand, according to the Daily Press, that the doctor has two of his children on the pay roll at Jefferson City, and some have been so unkind as to say that possibly the doctor has his wife on the pay roll also. I don't believe this, for to have two of his family besides himself on the pay roll at the same time is Nepotism with a vengeance, and I don't believe the doctor wants to "hog" it all, especially if his campaign managers intend to run him for United States senator or governor.

Seriously, are there not a great many Bollinger county boys and girls in the doctor's own party who would like to have these positions without his having to take his own

children to Jefferson City? Besides, if I remember correctly, the republican party went on record once upon a time against this thing called Nepotism, and now for the doctor to put two of his children, according to the Daily Press, on the pay roll is violating both the letter and spirit of that party declaration. I believe about the worst the democratic legislators from this county did was to put one of the family on which was bad enough and for which no one but any excuse to offer.

However, this is not the most serious official charge that I bring against the good doctor and which he must explain before I can vote for him for United States senator or any other office. It occurs to me that the people of Bollinger county voted at the last general election on state wide prohibition and by their recorded vote of over 700 majority said they were not in favor of state wide prohibition. Yet, when the vote on nation wide prohibition came up the doctor voted for it, if the Daily Press reports him correctly, which, in my opinion, was directly against the will of the people as expressed by their votes on November 5, 1918. If they were not in favor of state wide prohibition certainly they were not in favor of national prohibition.

We hear a great deal about making the world safe for democracy just at present and there are those who say our late war was fought for this reason. What is democracy but the will of the people, and if our representatives vote against the express will of the people as expressed at the polls we are making a mockery of democracy? It does not make any difference how we feel personally about prohibition. I may be a strong prohibitionist, but the people of Bollinger county expressed themselves in November as against this proposition and under our form of government, a representative democracy, it occurs to the writer that our representative should have voted accordingly.

I hope the doctor will keep up the good work against the drainage district, but, for me, I can't be proud of all his official record as "Citizen" until he explains his vote on the prohibition question and how he feels about his party's platform on Nepotism.

This position is not taken on account of political bias or personal prejudice, I can assure the doctor.

FARMER.

Jefferson City Letter

(By Means Ray.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 24. A road bill providing for the expenditure of providing for the expenditure of from \$80,000 to \$100,000 in grading the roads of the state during the next three years has been introduced in the senate by Senator Frisby McCollough of Knox county. A portion of Hawes' bill passed at the last session is repealed, by this bill, which encourages the grading of dirt roads and which, if enacted, will mean the construction of 6,000 miles of roads thru the various counties of the state, running north and south and east and west.

The measure provides for the expenditure of \$1,200 per mile. It also takes into consideration the matter of federal aid for road work and would bring to Missouri from the national government the sum of \$4,300,000. No change is made in the Hawes law regarding the present highway commission. A like measure has been introduced in the house by Representative Morgan.

The house killed the bill of Representative Cave of Callaway county, providing that aliens be barred from teaching in public and private schools of the state.

Measures making quite a change

in matters educational will soon be offered by Senator Harrison of Dunklin county. One of the bills provides that a county board of education be elected and that they shall have full sway in matters pertaining to education in the counties like school district boards have in the districts. If passed this board would employ county superintendents. No salary is provided for members of the board.

The senator's other bill calls for a countywide tax for teachers. This provides that the county as a whole levy a tax for the purpose of paying teachers and the money is apportioned to the school districts in the same manner as the state school money is now distributed, according to the number of children attending school.

The house committee has gone on record as favoring the restoration of capital punishment.

Wm. H. Lewis, state labor commissioner, has been quite active in co-operating with the federal labor bureau in finding work for returning soldiers and sailors. Mr. Lewis has been instrumental in placing hundreds and will be able to do much more if a measure carrying an appropriation of \$10,000, which gives him and General H. C. Clark additional authority in this matter, passes.

A fight among the republican members of the house, it now seems, will defeat the proposed redistricting of the state into new senatorial districts as well as the home rule bill for St. Louis. St. Louis members themselves are unable to agree on these matters.

Comptroller Nolte of St. Louis has been fighting salary increases for firemen and police officers of that city. He says the city can't afford the raise, but says nothing about the increases given employees of the city administration by the Schmidt-Kiel-Weske machine. Last fall it is said that about one-fourth of the taxes collected in St. Louis go for salaries under the present administration.

The republican house has refused to endorse an editorial in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat which favors President Wilson's plan for a league of nations.

Republican politicians of Jackson county have been working hard on some sort of legislation to create a republican party in that county and Kansas City. The Bull Moose split in 1912 ruined them and they have since been crying fraud to try and attract help or secure sympathy. They came down here before the house committee on elections and urged a number of measures as reforms, forgetting that the election laws under which they are operating were made by the old republican boss Filley of St. Louis and amended while Governor Hadley was in power. They claim that there is fraudulent voting in the north end of Kansas City, but make no disturbance about fourteen other wards in the city and the rural district of the county, despite the fact that all, save one, are democratic. The belief here is that the Kansas City Star is endeavoring to have an alibi for the defeats which the paper suffers along with the republican party at every election.

Senator Glick's measure providing for the inspection of hay by the state and a pure seed law have been engrossed in the senate. Under the present system hay is inspected and graded by commission men. Under the proposed bill it will be done by the state. The charge for inspection is \$1 per car. The seed bill provides a penalty for selling impure seed. Glick also has a measure for the inspection of ice cream by the food and drug inspectors. These

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A. Cotton Flannel, 40c values, will go at 30c.
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Cottons, 30c values, will go at 25c.
Comfort Calico, 35c values, will go at 25c.
Shirting, 34c values, will go at 25c.
L.L. Shirting, 25c values, will go at 20c.
Pillow Talking, 42-inch, 50c values, will go at 40c.
Domestics, A A A, 32c values, will go at 25c.
Gingham, 45c values, will go at 35c.
Gingham, 35c values, will go at 25c.
Overall Goods, 30c values, will go at 40c.
No. 8 Blue Overall, 50c values, will go at 45c.
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Men's Heavy Union Suits, \$2.00 values, will go at \$1.50.

Men's Heavy Work Shoes Will Go Regardless of Cost.

Men's Heavy Work Shoes, \$5.50 values, now \$4.75.
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Men's Heavy Work Shoes, \$3.75 values, now \$3.00.
Men's Heavy Work Shoes, \$3.00 values, now \$2.50.
Boys' High Top Shoes, \$4.00 values, now \$3.25.

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This sale will be for ten days only and not for the entire season and all goods will be sold at advertised prices.

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FARMERS' SUPPLY STORE

BY J. H. WICECARVER, Manager
Marble Hill, Missouri

measures have the support of the farmers' organizations of the state.

A measure has been submitted which, if passed, will permit killing and trapping fur-bearing animals from November 1 to January 31. The time is December and January. Another game bill provides for a combined fishing and hunting license on payment of a \$1 fee for residents in home and adjoining counties. State licenses for \$2.50 and non-resident licenses for \$10.

The mortgage recording tax, recommended by Governor Gardner, has been favorably reported by the ways and means committee in the senate by Senator W. M. Bowker. This measure provides for additional revenue for the state from a source that now evades taxation to a large degree.

Obituary

On Monday morning, February 17, at 2:30, God saw fit to call little Dora Dean, the darling babe of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Corbin, from this sad and dreary world, aged 6 months

and 11 days. She was a bright little jewel loaned us a short while and now she has left us in this dark world of sorrow. It is hard to give her up and to think she is gone never to return, but let us live prepared to meet her in that great beyond. She leaves a father, mother, brother and sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. Grieve not dear father and mother, for your loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. M. Mouser and the remains were laid to rest in the Union Hill cemetery.

Little Dora Dean has gone to sleep,
On the loving Savior's breast;
Then fond parents do not weep,
For she there will sweetly rest.

H. AUST.

Gen. Lord is authority for the statement that the daily expense of the war, from the day of entrance to Jan. 1, 1919, inclusive, has amounted to \$24,879,202.32, while members of congress hazard the opinion that \$40,000,000.00, daily expense, is nearer the correct amount.